GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION IN JUDICIARY
Athawale Shri Ramdas;Manvendra Singh Shri

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether provision of reservation in higher courts of the country has not been made so far for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government has received representations from Members of Parliament and other Organisations during the last three years requesting for provision of reservation in High Courts and the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R.BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (d) Representations have been received from time to time for appointment of Judges in the High Courts from Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and OBC categories.

Appointments of Judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts are made under articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India, respectively, which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons.

The Government have, however, addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of the States and the Chief Justices of the High Courts, from time to time, requesting them to locate persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes, Minorities and amongst Women who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.